

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m.

Those present were: Dave Engelhardt, BCATS staff; John Gaydos, City of Bay City; Vaughn Begick, Bay County Commissioner; Susan Richardson, MDOT Planning; Dale Majerczyk, City of Essexville; Jim Lillo, Bay County Road Commission; Mike Niederquell, Wade Trim; Mike Stoner, Bay Metro Transit; Jim Bedell, Bay City Planning; George Augustyniak, Fraser Township; Terry Spegel, Hampton Township Supervisor, and; Dirk Westbury, BCATS staff.

**Approval of Minutes:**

It was moved by Spegel, seconded by Richardson, to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2007 meeting. Motion Passed.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment brought before the committee.

**Update From Bay Metro Transit:**

Stoner gave an update. Bay Metro is conducting a survey of the local transportation providers to find out how they procure their fuel, type of fuel used, average price paid for fuel. The survey is being done at the request of the Bay City Board of Commissioners. Stoner mentioned that he was working on a State committee that was taking a look at how money is distributed among transit providers in an attempt to create some changes that would provide for a different method for public transit funding in the State. Stoner also briefly discussed the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant to provide off-hour access for Bay County residents for the purpose of easier access to job locations.

**Public Hearing for Bay Metro Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC):**

The public Hearing was called to order at 1:40 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of the BCATS Policy Committee. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the amending the 2008-09-10-11 TIP to include the Bay Metro Transit Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant. Through the JARC grant, Bay Metro is able to subsidize the local cab company's normal fare down to the cost of a normal BMTA fare to get people to and from their places of employment during hours when the buses are not in service. The program began August 2007 and currently there are about 200+ people that use this service per/month.. As word-of-mouth gets around, the number of people using this service is steadily increasing. The Bay Metro Transit bus schedule and route maps are posted on the website and available at several locations throughout Bay County. It was noted that the JARC operating funding is for years 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 at \$40,000 for 2008 and \$60,000 for each year after, and an addition \$70,000 for purchase of a van in 2009 for the JARC purposes. The Public Hearing on BCATS amendment of the 2008-09-10-11 TIP to include JARC was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:47 p.m.

**Amendment of BCATS 2008-09-10-11 TIP - Job Access Reverse Commute:**

A motion was made by Gaydos, seconded by Richardson, to make an amendment to the

2008-09-10-11 TIP to acknowledge and include the Bay Metro Transit Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) grant, recognizing that this is a multi-year grant. Motion passed.

**Public Hearing for City of Bay City Bridge Painting:**

The public hearing was called to order at 1:48 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of the BCATS Policy Committee. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss that the funding for the City of Bay City bridge painting project should be included in the 2008-09-10-11 TIP. The project is to occur during FY 2009 with project costs of \$975,000 for each the Independence and Liberty Bridges over the Saginaw and additional \$218,000 for the Independence Bridge over Water St & the C & O RR. Discussion ensued. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:51 p.m.

**Amendment of BCATS 2008-09-10-11 TIP - Bay City Bridge Painting:**

A motion was made by Lillo, Seconded by Stoner, to make an amendment to the 2008-09-10-11 TIP to include the funding of the City of Bay City Bridge Painting project, subject to the determination of the federal funding source for inclusion in the TIP. Motion passed.

**Public Hearing for Christa McAuliffe Safe Routes to School Grant:**

The public Hearing was called to order at 1:51p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of the BCATS Policy Committee. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss the amending the 2008-09-10-11 TIP to include the Christa McAuliffe Safe Routes to School Grant. The grant total \$389,312 with \$144 of the grant going towards non-infrastructure purposes. This grant was submitted and expected to begin 2008. Discussion ensued. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:53 p.m.

**Amendment of BCATS 2008-09-10-11 TIP - Safe Routes to School:**

A motion was made by Gaydos, seconded by Lillo, to make an amendment to the 2008-09-10-11 TIP to acknowledge and include the Christa McAuliffe Safe Routed to School Grant. Motion passed.

**Public Hearing To Adjust Funding For Henry Street:**

The public hearing was called to order at 1:53 p.m. by Dale Majerczyk, Chairman of the BCATS Policy Committee. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to discuss that the funding reduction for the Henry Street project and that the reduction should be reflected in the 2008-09-10-11 TIP so that this money can be reallocated to other projects. The FY 2010 STP funds will be lower to \$533,429 and the JT07 is reduced to \$531,680. Discussion ensued. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

The regular BCATS Policy Committee Meeting was reconvened at 1:54 p.m.

**Amendment of BCATS 2008-11 TIP To Adjust Funding Levels for Henry Street:**

A motion was made by Bedell, seconded by Stoner, to make an amendment to the 2008-09-10-11 TIP to show the adjustment of funding levels for the Henry Street Project. Motion

passed.

**National Functional Classification Changes - Prairie, Harrison-McGraw Approved:**

Engelhardt discussed that the Harrison Street re-classification has been approved. Therefore, the Harrison Street Project is now able to receive funding. Prairie Street has been removed from the national function classification as the street does not exist, and is no longer planned to be reestablished.

**Harrison Street Project Funding:**

Engelhardt further discussed the re-classification of Harrison Street. Because of the re-classification, Harrison is now federal aid eligible and BCATS can reallocate the part of or all of the available \$612,645 in FY 2010, part of which was allocated to the Henry St. Project, to the Harrison Street Project. Gaydos added that the city is still waiting on the status of the Category A grant to determine the amount of STP funds needed for the project.

**Asset Management Reporting Session - February 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Engelhardt discussed the upcoming Asset Management Reporting Session that would be taking place on Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at SVSU. The purpose of the session is to help ensure good data reporting and to show how to properly report data. Most agencies that are reporting are use the web for reporting. Engelhardt also discussed that there will be an on-line Web-inar taking place the first week of March.

**Asset Management Paser Training - March 12<sup>th</sup>:**

Engelhardt discussed the upcoming Asset Management Paser Training taking place on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Ramada Inn & Suites in Saginaw.

**Bay, Saginaw, Arenac County Trail Charrette - February 20<sup>th</sup> :**

Engelhardt handed out a flyer and discussed the Bay, Saginaw, Arenac County Trail Charrette that would be taking place on Wed., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at the Bay County Community Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The Charrette is being funded by MDOT and coordinated by East Central Michigan Planning. BCATS has taken on the role of coordinating the meeting site at the Bay County Community Center. Midland and Gladwin Counties have been added as they were not able to make the prior meeting dates.

**Project Updates:**

The ***Pine Street Project*** restarted February 19, 2008, with plans to put in the foundations for traffic lights. However, due to the extremely cold weather, this part of the project had to be put off until the weather warms. The rest of this project is expected to commence mid-April, 2008. The ***Seven Mile Road Project*** is in the preliminary stage of plan review. It is expected that this project will begin mid-June, 2008. The ***North Henry Street Project Phase II & III*** will begin March 10, 2008. The ***Christa McAuliffe Safe Routes to Schools Project*** is scheduled to be let in July, 2008 is will be administered by the Bay County Road Commission. The ***Trumbull Street (to Wilder Road) Project*** will use city funds to do joint repair work this summer. Gaydos added that the ***Woodside Ave Project*** complete last fall has problems with the pavement and the city is holding back \$250,000 of the payment to the contractor until the problem is resolved.

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**Other/New Business:**

***Agenda Addition Request for Next BCATS Policy Meeting:***

Terry Spiegel/Hampton Township Supervisor, requested that the Ridge Road Project be added to the next meeting agenda for BCATS Policy Committee discussion.

***Designing Healthy Communities:***

Engelhardt provided members with a handout and discussed that there will be a presentation in Lansing on May 29-30, 2008 given by the Department of Community Health on ways to design healthy communities.

***Concrete Workshop:***

Engelhardt provided members with a handout of the upcoming Concrete Workshop.

***Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy:***

Engelhardt said that the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy is trying to purchase the Zilwaukee Trail in order to create a multi-county trail. If successful, there would be special rules included with the purchase.

***UWP Meeting:***

Engelhardt told members that the next UWP Meeting would be taking place in March, 2008 and will focus on the next fiscal year. It's a change for the MPOs to give their input. Engelhardt will be attending and would like BCATS members to let him know any issues they would like to see addressed. Majerczyk mentioned that he'd like to see more asset management planning assistance.

***BCATS 2008-09-10-11 TIP:***

Engelhardt mentioned that the BCATS 2008-09-10-11 TIP has not been conditionally approved by FHWA.

As there was no further business, the February 20, 2008 BCATS Policy Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Engelhardt  
BCATS Director

*Transcribed by C. Gaul*